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Winter of biting cold

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (MTY&BCT)- The city will remain under the grip of cold conditions, with the atmosphere recording a minimum temperature of 14 to 16 degrees Celsius since the last three days. The chill will remain till *Shivaratri* with the minimum temperature set to fall to 9 or 10 degrees Celsius in January, when the cold season peaks.

The low-level cloud cover is also blocking the sunlight from reaching earth. The cold conditions are likely to persist in the coming days after which the intensity may begin to decrease. Mercury will continue its downward spiral thanks to climatic change. There is increased moisture in the weather and the moisture released from the earth is not evaporated, causing it to permeate in low levels. The wind, in turn, carries the moisture to spread the cold.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. C. Govindaraju, Professor, Extension Education Unit, Organic Farming Research Station at Naganahalli (OFRSN), said that this year there was less rains during North-West Monsoon while the South-West Monsoon extended till August, September and October, coupled with many cyclonic rains.

FACING THE CHILL

- Elders and children must keep themselves warm
- Take out all your warm clothes and cover your head and ears
- Asthma patients must avoid morning walk due to mist and fog
- Commuters must use fog lights in the morning to avoid accidents

"As such, the backwater of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) has remained constant with increased inflow and the Reservoir has maintained the level of 124 ft, 123 ft and 121 ft with a balanced inflow and outflow. Here too, water is not evaporating due to absence of sunlight and heat and the moisture is staying in the atmosphere and in turn spread by wind. This atmospheric moisture is spread up to 40 kilometres covering Mysuru, Mandya, Srirangapatna, K.R. Nagar Hunsur, Nanjangud and parts of H.D. Kote," he explained.

This is the reason why Mysuru is colder than Bengaluru and frequent travellers experience the difference in atmosphere. Also, it is colder in the regions adjacent to KRS backwaters like Srirangapatna, Naguvinahalli, Kadakola, Meenakshipura, Kannambadi, Hosa Kannambadi and other surrounding villages.

(See WINTER on page 6)

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Mysuru, Saturday 21st December 2019

Digital disordered eating

Time-honoured channel of reaching the literati with information they seek and desire that the world knows as *media*, particularly dailies seems to have donned a new *avatar*, that is also familiar to a growing number of people embracing digital technology as *social media*. Chip-based devices are taking birth with versatile features being embedded in them at such a rapid pace that virtually makes the electronic goods of today seem obsolete next day. The ubiquitous hand-held *mobile* telephone, better described as *smart* phone has triggered the enormous spread of social media, youth around the world, including India, being its most conspicuous patrons, even as the rest of the population, not to forget senior members of society at large, feeling helpless as digital-illiterates. Conventional media owes in no small measure its survival to this gradually shrinking population. Even desktop computers and laptops seem to have been robbed of their space in time, given the long hours in a day witnessing the teens stuck to their hand-held smart phone. There are no laws yet for the country's administration to regulate the *content* of social media, particularly the many objectionable matter, being discussed in various circles.

One of the fallouts of the present generation's teens being engaged for the best part of the day communicating among themselves, according to a recent study by researchers, has emerged as *disordered eating*. One cannot be faulted to remark that this fallout doesn't earn credit to digital technology and also to the inventors of devices such as the smart phone. The analogy is that the sharp knife also hurts when not used carefully.

The print and electronic media is rendering yeoman service to society by publishing articles by seasoned writers to enlighten people on the benefits of eating foods that sustain health and reduce disease burden bugging different sections in the population. However, not only the takers for their guidelines regarding food habits are just a fraction of the population but also in most cases it may be too late for course correction. The saying that life *begins* at the age of 40 and *starts* showing conveys the hidden message on the extent to which disordered eating hurts. According to a report published in a widely circulated daily early this week, more than half the girls interviewed revealed that they had at least one disordered eating episode along with 45 percent of the boys in the study.

Disordered eating need not be totally connected to social media as much as the emergence of roadside eateries in their thousands, as in Mysuru itself. Even if regulatory measures are introduced, implementing them in the country effectively being suspect, disordered eating is highly likely to endure, the ball being entirely in the court of teens.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE 500-YEAR-OLD DISPUTE: ***During colonial rule, the British kept the site divided, permitting Muslims to pray inside the Mosque and Hindus to worship outside. In 1949, Hindu activists broke into the Mosque and placed an idol of Ram inside. Anticipating violence, the Government locked the main gate. Lawsuits were then filed by religious groups seeking control. In the 1980s, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a campaign to build a temple to Ram there (Modi was among the organisers). On December 6, 1992, a Hindu mob gathered and, in the presence of senior BJP leaders, demolished much of the Mosque. That provoked nationwide riots in which more than 2,000 people, mostly Muslims, lost their lives. On March 12, 1993, more than 250 people were killed in retaliatory bombings in Mumbai.***

— In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

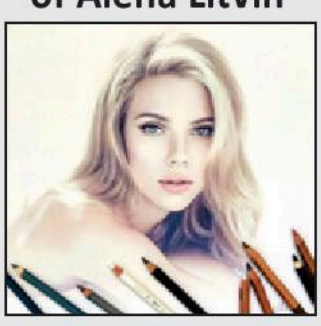
Clown in Ukraine risks spending five years in prison

Mukachevo: A mysterious prankster who has been dressing up as Pennywise the evil clown and trying to scare passers-by has been getting a lot of attention in Ukraine.

The real-life Pennywise was first spotted on the streets of Mukachevo, in Western Ukraine, when local media published photos of a scary looking clown walking through the streets and hiding behind a bridge, waiting to pop in front of unsuspecting passers-by. Then, a few days later, a video shot at a gas station shows the mysterious clown pretending to pour gas over people's cars after they go inside to pay. In another video, the clown pops out of a trash can, apparently enough to get him in trouble with local authorities.

According to Ukrainian law, the people involved in the Mukachevo Pennywise project risk a fine equal to between 100 and 300 tax-free minimum incomes, restriction of liberty for up to five years or imprisonment for the same period.

Hyper-realistic pencil portraits of Alena Litvin



Moscow: Moscow-based artist Alena Litvin can recreate a detailed photographic portraits using only colored pencils and mountains of talent.

Looking at her amazing drawings, it's very hard to believe that Alena is a self-taught artist who has only been exercising her craft for the last eight years. From portraits of celebrities like Scarlett Johansson or Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, to regular people who commission her to draw portraits of their loved ones, there's nothing the young Russian artist can't pull off. She can take up to 10 days to finish a portrait, which may sound like a long time, but just look at the level of detail in some her artworks.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What Starbucks drink contains the most sugar?

That honour goes to the Caramel Frappuccino, weighing in at a whopping 66 grams of sugar for the grande size drink that every day, and you could find yourself on Tresiba, the drug of choice for those with blood sugar issues. Slightly lower is the white hot chocolate, at 62 grams.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Flute recital on Dec. 23

Mysuru, Dec.21- Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak Classical Flute Recital by **Vid. Rakesh Sudhir** at Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Vivekanandanagar, SBM Colony, Srirampura, at 6.30 pm on Dec. 23.

He will be accompanied by **Vid. M. Keshav** on violin, **Vid. Kumar Swamy** on mridanga and **Vid. Shyam** on ghatam.

Profile: Vidwan Rakesh Sudhir is a disciple of Vid. A.V. Prakash and Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad, well-knownr flautists of Mysuru. He has also been trained in Karnatak classical vocal for many years by Vidu. Rajalakshmi Narasimhamurthy. Since his younger days he has participated in many music competitions at several places and won prizes at various levels.

He is known for his versatile style of presenting flute artistry in both Karnatak style and Hindusthani style Bansuri playing (Base Bamboo Flute).

He has given flute accompaniment performances at the Music Academy, Chennai, 2018 during

Vid. Rakesh Sudhir

music and dance festivals and has performed a duet with his Guru Vid. A.V. Prakash at Tirupathi Tirumala Devasthanam.

No power supply on Monday

Mysuru, Dec. 21- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 23 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following villages: Periyapatna town, Hetnehebbagilu, Nandinathapura, Chittenahalli, Panchavalli, Kampalapura, Malangi, Muttur Bylakuppe, Koppa, Hunasewadi, Channakal GP limits, according to a press release from the CESC.

Really...?

- ***Electric cars were available in the middle of the 19th century, but fell out of favour after Henry Ford developed his Model T, according to the US Department of Energy. In recent years, electric cars have made a comeback, though. Over 1,59,000 electric cars sold in the United States just in 2016, with more than half of those in California alone. This technology, like the internal combustion engine, also has a long history that is difficult to point to one inventor.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A lady customer at a saree shop: *Why are you quoting a higher amount for the saree that I have selected whereas for the other sarees of same quality you are quoting less amount?*

Shop owner: *Because the saree that you have selected is onion colour!!*

[Contributed by Y. N. Vijayashankar, Retired CFTRI Scientist]

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.11
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.45
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VOICE OF THE READER

Stop dumping Bar wastage on Ring Road

Sir,

We are very happy to have a Ring Road in Mysuru though it is not in such a good condition but somewhat okay.

As a frequent traveller on Ring Road, I have observed that wastage from Bar & Restaurant is thrown on the side of the Road near Bogadi where we can see heaps of plastic glasses and other wastage of Bars.

This may have a bad impression on tourists and other visitors. The wastages also emanate a bad and stinky smell for the people who take a walk or jog on the stretch. I request the people responsible for this dumping to take suitable steps so that we can have a pleasant and clean Ring Road.

—N. Shrikanth

Bogadi
16.12.2019

Corrections and Clarifications

SRK Memorial Music Concert on Dec.22

The Karnatak classical flute concert by well-known flautist Vidwan Mysore V. Vamshidhar, in memory of noted art critic S.R. Krishnamurthy, organised by Bhanuvaara Sanje Geleyara Balaga, will be held on Dec.22 at 6 pm at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha's Vasudevacharya Auditorium, JLB Road, Mysuru. It was inadvertently mentioned as Dec.21 in yesterday's *Star of Mysore*. The error is regretted. —Ed

Krishnamurthy

Rotary District Conference 'Sankalpa-2020'

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RKB&US)-Rotary District 3181 Annual Conference 'Sankalpa-2020' will be held from Jan. 3 to 5 at Dr. Shivegowda's USA Farm in R.T. Nagar here.

PDG Rtn. G.K. Balakrishna said that about 2,000 Rotary members and their family from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada coming under Rotary District 3181 will participate in the conference which will be inaugurated on Jan. 3 at 5 pm by Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, President-Nominee, Rotary International. Rtn. Ravishankar Dakoji will be the chief guest.

A Coffee Table Book on services of Rotary Club will be released on the occasion. The programme on Jan. 4 will have PDG Rtn. Damanjit Singh from Delhi, former Ambassador Prabhu Dayal, Adhamya Chetana Founder Tejaswini Ananthkumar, Humorist Dundiraj, Areca Tea Researcher Nivedan Nempe and special-abled Vikram Agnihotri as guests.

The guests on Jan. 5 will be former ISRO Chairman Madhavan Nair, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Manu Baligar, Ranganath of Public TV, Yoga Guru Sharath Josi, Golfing Talent Pranavi Urs and Rotary Governor Rtn. Joseph Mathew.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar

MCC Employees Co-operative Society will present 'Pratibha Puraskar' for meritorious children of Society members at a programme to take place at the MCC's New Council Hall at 6 pm today (Dec.21). Also, the Society's new year (2020) calendar will be released. For details, call Mob: 94481-60762.

'KNC Innofest-2019'

'KNC Innofest-2019', a funfair and entertainment programme for school children will be held at KNC Innovative Global School in Hebbal Industrial Area, Infosys Road, from 9 am to 3 pm tomorrow (Dec.22). The event will feature a variety of entertainment and funfair such as Nail Art, Mehendi, Music-Dance, Fun Games, Movies, Yummy food etc, with Janapadaloka, a diversity programme from Baale Baagidavu team and Mono-acting by Special Children from Karunamayi Trust. Entry is free. Call Ph: 0821-2402929 or Mob: 94811-23959.

Anniversary offer at Prakash Jewellers

Prakash Jewellers, which was closed for two days due to unavoidable circumstances on Dec.19 and Dec.20, has resumed its anniversary offer from this afternoon (Dec.21). The Jewellers are open on Sunday (Dec.22) also. Contact Ph: 0821- 2421844.

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Inflow	307 cusecs
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Irregularities in Karnataka State Open University

Criminal cases filed against three former VCs, two Registrars

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (ACP&BCT)- Following the directives of Karnataka High Court, city-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) authorities had in November this year filed seven complaints against some of its previous Vice-Chancellors and Registrars on charges of misappropriation.

Based on the complaint, the Jayalakshmipuram Police have registered two FIRs (53/2019 and 54/2019) against the three former VCs of the Open University, two ex-Registrars and an official of the KSOU. Irregularities in the Open University led to the University Grants Commission (UGC) derecognising the University.

Lakhs of students were put into severe hardships due to derecognition and the current KSOU authorities had to run from pillar to post to get back the UGC recognition. The complaints were filed on Nov. 20 before Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mysuru and Jayalakshmipuram Police Station. While five complaints were filed before the ACB Superintendent of Police, two were filed before the Station House Officer, Jayalakshmipuram Police Station.

Criminal breach of trust

The Jayalakshmipuram Police have registered the FIR under Sections 406, 409, 420 and 34 of the IPC amounting to criminal breach of trust, criminal breach of trust by a public servant and cheating. The complaints were filed against former VCs Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Prof. M.G. Krishnan and Prof. K. Sudha Rao, former Registrars Prof. P.S. Naik and Prof. B.S. Vishwanath and former Information Technology Director Dr. Kamalesh and other officials.

The irregularities were mentioned in the report of the Bhakthavatsala Committee constituted by the Governor - Chancellor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala. Also, a Public Interest Litigation was filed before the Karnataka High Court. These irregularities were committed between Dec. 16, 2010 and October 23, 2015.

Causing financial loss

Prof. K.S. Rangappa and Prof. M.G. Krishnan had established 21 Regional Centres by signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various private institutions, including Mumbai-based IEM institution, to offer technical and non-technical courses violating the KSOU norms. The MoUs were signed during various dates from 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015. Prof. K.S. Rangappa and Prof. M.G. Krishnan, Prof. P.S. Naik and Prof. B.S. Vishwanath and Dr. Kamalesh were holding high offices during the period and were directly involved in the irregularities, the complaint states.

The officials had a direct role in appointing Regional Directors and increasing their salary from Rs.20,000 to Rs.36,200 per month with other allowances. As per the MoU entered with Mumbai-based IEM institution, Rs. 270 was fixed per student. Accordingly, on Oct. 31, 2012, the KSOU paid IEM Rs. 1 crore.

This was approved by the then VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa and signed by Registrar Prof. B.S. Vishwanath and was approved by KSOU Board. When the tender was signed with IEM for integrated web-based system, Dr. Kamalesh was the Information Technology Director. The complaint mentions that all these people were involved in irregularities along with IEM, causing financial loss to KSOU and caused trust deficit, the complaint alleged.

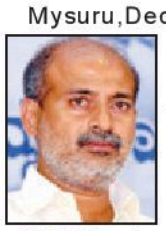
Misuse of office

Some of other irregularities include the purchase of 20 lakh marks cards and degree certificates causing a financial loss to the University, failure to protect the interest of students and dereliction of duties and misuse of Office of the Registrar, admitting students for engineering and other technical courses despite denial of permission from the regulatory agencies and large scale financial irregularities and illegal appointment of staff.

The complaint against Prof. K. Sudha Rao states that the VC, between 2003 and 2007, entered into 155 MoUs with many private persons, institutions, trusts and private associations permitting them to admit students to various courses without seeking legal opinion from the Government. These MoUs were faulty and were not sanctioned by the Chancellor, the complaint alleged.

Ready for any probe into Saligrama clashes: MLA

Mysuru,Dec.21 (PM&DM)- Asserting that he and his brothers were ready to face any sort of probe into the recent clashes at Saligrama in K.R.Nagar taluk, K.R.Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh claimed that the incident was not a clash between two communities, but a clash between two individuals.



S.R.Mahesh

Addressing a press meet at his office near Marimallappa School here yesterday, Mahesh said that his political rivals had turned a personal clash into group clash in order to bring a bad name for him and his family members. Noting that his younger brother S.R. Raveesh has been named as the prime accused in the group clash case, Mahesh claimed that Raveesh had gone to the spot for mediation between the warring groups. But some vested interests have unnecessarily blamed Raveesh for the clash, which is nothing but a political vendetta. Mahesh said the truth will be known when the court takes up the case.

He called upon Dalit leaders from outside who have been visiting Saligrama after the clashes broke out, to bring rapprochement between communities and thus bring an end to animosity.

Three of Mandya family killed in accident near Mangaluru

Deceased Neethu and Nidhi

Injured Dr. Chandrashekar

Truck involved in the accident.

Mandya, Dec.21- Three members of a Doctor's family from Mandya were killed on the spot, while two other members sustained serious injuries when a truck carrying iron pipes, fell on the car in which they were travelling near Parvarakotta coming under Shiradi Ghat on Bengaluru-Mangaluru National Highway last evening.

The deceased have been identified as Narayan Rao (66), father-in-law of Dr. Chandrashekar, a doctor at Tubinakere Primary Health Centre in Mandya taluk, Dr. Chandrashekar's wife Neethu (35) and daughter Nidhi (15), while Dr. Chandrashekar and his mother-in-law Kaveri, who sustained serious injuries in the mishap, are being treated at a hospital in Mysuru.

Dr. Chandrashekar's family was returning to Mandya in a car after visiting Dharmasthala, when tragedy struck the family.

Dr. Chandrashekar's family was passing through the Shiradi Ghat section of Mangaluru-Bengaluru Highway, when an iron pipes-laden lorry, reportedly coming in the opposite direction, went out of control of it's driver and toppled on the car near Parvarakotta. Due to the impact,- Narayan Rao, Neethu and Nidhi were killed on the spot, while Dr. Chandrashekar and Kaveri, who sustained serious injuries, were rushed to Puttur Government Hospital, from where they were shifted to a private hospital in Mysuru, it is learnt.

The jurisdictional Uppinangadi Police have registered a case.

Woman robbed

Mysuru, Dec.21 (RK&DM)- After a brief lull, chain-snatchers have struck again in city, with a woman from Hanumanthanagar becoming the latest victim.

Razia Begum, a resident of Hanumanthanagar, was on her way home walking on Hanumanthanagar Main Road at about 8 pm on Wednesday, when two motorcycle-borne miscreants managed to yank off her 62-gm gold chain and a 11-gm pendant, totally valued at about Rs.1.5 lakh, from her and fled in a flash.

NR Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

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Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Citizenship Amendment Act: Dr. Swamy responds...

This morning I had a pleasant surprise in *The Hindu*. It had published a response to what the leader of the CPI (Marxist) and Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan had written in *The Hindu* titled ***"Time to defend India's secularism,"*** on Dec. 18, 2019 expressing his opposition to Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA). Dr. Subramanian Swamy rebuts all the three reasons the Communist leader had given in his article.

Dr. Subramanian Swamy

The present, ongoing agitation reminds me of JP Movement which led to 1975 Emergency declared by Indira Gandhi and the August, 1946 'Direct Action' started by the Muslim League leading to unprecedented holocaust in Kolkata to make the functioning of the Interim Government led by Congress impossible so that division of the country became an imperative and naturally the creation of Pakistan. The grant of independence was just one year away — 15, August 1947.

I have read that history has a quirky way of repeating itself. Perish the thought. We are in 2019 with a new BJP Government, not the Congress. For now there is no such danger despite the tenor and tenacity of the on-going protests.

After all, CAA did not happen like a surprise. All the political parties and leaders knew about its arrival. It had passed through the Joint Select-Committee of Members of Parliament some years back and in fact re-introduced in December this year (2019). **It was passed by the democratically and constitutionally elected Parliament with a comfortable majority. Yet, the Opposition refuses to honour this democratic decision.**

Can't they wait for another four years for the next Parliamentary election (2024) to win the election and undo whatever this BJP Government has done? Democracy means patience, tolerance and respect for the rule of law. Therefore, Dr. Swamy has discharged his democratic and patriotic duty by responding to political leaders like Pinarayi Vijayan and indirectly to all those of his kind. If political and intellectual giants like Dr. Swamy do not respond and react, these pseudo-Secularists and defenders of Muslim minorities would go unchallenged and would even succeed. That would be a bad day for the Hindu majority as it happened in 1947.

Of course, it is difficult to convince most of the present day Opposition leaders because, as Spenser said, "Convinced against your will you are of the same opinion still." Yet an honest and a timely response was needed and Dr. Subramanian Swamy had given it in full measure. But there is a caveat. As Alexander Pope had famously declared, "Our judgements like our watches, none go just alike, yet each believes his own." The Congress, TMC and the Left 'liberals' are bound to believe their own watches !

Dr. Swamy writes about the ground realities to put sense into the thinking of some people. [Peaceful, Democratic protest as is happening in Hong Kong for months now is okay in a democracy. But, certainly not okay if the protest is not peaceful as is now in our country].

He writes: "The need for this Bill (now Act) arose partly because the Islamic theocratic nations of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have **brutally persecuted non-Muslim minorities since 1947.** This has led to a sharp fall in the proportion of the non-Muslim minorities in the total population of these countries."

Dr. Swamy says that the problem of religious persecution by Pakistan was acknowledged by the then Working Committee of the United Congress Party which passed a resolution as long back as on November 25, 1947, urging granting of Citizenship and "full protection to those **non-Muslims** from Pakistan who have come over to India or may do so to **save their life and honour."**

Dr. Swamy responds to other issues also like Hindutva and the Constitution but the point he tries to impress upon is that the Kerala Chief Minister "seems not to have appreciated the **historical context** of the CAA and the need to **bring to a closure the sad consequence** of religious theocracy in our neighbouring nations."

Apparently, the Kerala Chief Minister has no qualms about our neighbouring nations — Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh — having Islam as the State religion, with consequential denials of many rights to the religious minorities, while gloating over secularism of Hindu majority India.

Jai Hind

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Daily Mysuru-Kalaburagi flight from Dec. 27

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RK&BCT)- After Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Goa, one more new daily flight will be added to Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) from Dec. 27. This will boost travel to North Karnataka from the South region (Mysuru). A new airport at Kalaburagi was inaugurated recently.

Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India will operate the Kalaburagi flight. Direct flight operations connecting Kalaburagi with Bengaluru onwards to Mysuru will begin from Dec. 27. The flights will be operated under Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik (UDAN) in the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) launched by the Union Civil Aviation Ministry. The airline will deploy its 70-seater luxurious aircraft on this sector.

Flight 9I 897 will depart from Mysuru at 8.30 am and arrive in Bengaluru at 9.10 am. Flight 9I 509 will depart Bengaluru at 9.50 am and arrive in Kalaburagi at 11.25 am. Flight 9I 510 will depart from Kalaburagi at 11.50 am and arrive in Bengaluru at 1.30 pm. Flight 9I 898 will depart Bengaluru at 2 pm and arrive in Mysuru at 2.50 pm.

On Tuesday, Flight 9I 897 will depart from Mysuru at 10.25 am and arrive in Bengaluru at 11.05 am. Flight 9I 509 will depart Bengaluru at 11.40 hrs and arrive in Kalaburagi at 1.20 pm. Flight 9I 510 will depart from Kalaburagi at 1.45 pm and arrive in Bengaluru at 3.25 pm. Flight 9I 898 will depart Bengaluru at 3.45 pm and arrive in Mysuru at 4.40 pm.

Kalaburagi is known as a Sufi City famous for religious places like Khwaja Banda Nawaz Dargah, Sharana Basaveshwara Temple, Ladle Mashak and Buddha Vihar. It also has a fort built during Bahmani rule. The city has many domes like Hafth Gumbad (seven domes together) and Shor Gumbad. All inclusive one way fares Bengaluru to Gulbarga and vice versa start at Rs. 2,645.

Vishwamanava Jayanti celebrations on Dec. 29

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (US)- The District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Kannada Sahitya Parishat and other organisations have organised a function on Dec. 29 at Kalamandira here to commemorate the birth anniversary of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu as 'Vishwamanava Jayanti.'

A meeting in that context was chaired by Additional DC B.R. Poornima at the DC's Office here on Monday.

The meeting decided to invite the Head of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, to grace the occasion and *Mysooru Mithra* columnist Gubbigudu Ramesh to deliver a special lecture.

Poornima asked the officials of the Department of Kannada and Culture to organise the programme in a meaningful manner.

She asked the officials concerned to get all statues/busts of Kuvempu across the city thoroughly cleaned and decorated on that day with special floral decoration of Kuvempu's bust at Kalamandira premises. The Police Officers were asked to make elaborate security arrangements.

Dist. Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Secretary K.S. Nagaraj and representatives of various organisations attended the meeting.

Winter of biting cold

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"There is no doubt that temperature will further dip. The present maximum temperature is hovering between 27.7 degrees Celsius and 28.2 degrees Celsius and the minimum temperature is between 17.1 degrees Celsius and 14 degrees Celsius. It will come down further and touch 9 degrees Celsius or 10 degrees Celsius as January approaches," Govindaraju estimates.

While children and elders have to keep themselves warm as they are prone to illness during this winter chill, vehicle drivers must be careful as there will be fog early in the morning. Asthma patients must avoid morning walks and if walking is inevitable, they can do it in the evening. Cattle will be affected by foot-and-mouth disease and precautions along with medication must be taken.

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Secular Who?

So, protests continue. While initially the protest was against leaving out illegal Muslims from Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), it has now moved to a 'pre-emptive protest' against National Register of Citizens (NRC). We say 'pre-emptive' because there is no draft in place for a nationwide NRC.

Now, the protestors claim, if NRC is implemented and if an Indian Muslim, during NRC test, is found lacking in documentation then he will be sent away.

Who is fooling whom here? Is it possible in India, a nation with 200 million Muslims, the third highest Muslim population in the world, mind you, can be deported? And deported to where? Even rich Muslim nations don't take in their own brethren, just ask the Syrians and Rohingyas.

The Malaysian PM Mahathir bin Mohamad, while criticising CAA, did not even make an offer to Muslims. One would think he would make an offer, after all, as reported, his grandfather was an Indian Muslim from Kerala who immigrated to Malaysia. Guess, words are meant to appease, actions on the other hand is way too impractical.

Also some say, "Indian Muslims who don't have enough documentation to prove they are Indians will be put in 'camps'." Really? Let's see. The population of Pakistan is 213 million and of this, 211 million are Muslims. So, are we to believe that Indian Muslim population, which is the size of Pakistan's population, can be held in 'camps'?

By the way, we are unable to deport the mere 6,000 illegal Rohingya Muslims housed in 15 settlements around Hyderabad back to Bangladesh-Myanmar border camps and some protestors think millions can be deported! It seems, the Opposition parties, while accusing BJP of fear-mongering, are deploying similar 'fear-inducing' tactics.

Of course, there was a debate in the Parliament where the Home Minister assured that Indian Muslims are safe but it was not assurance enough. Why? Because as some of the protestors said, the string of moves by BJP such as abolition of Triple Talaq, abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir, NRC in Assam are all anti-Muslim moves which shows that BJP cannot be trusted.

So, giving Muslim women dignity is anti-Muslim? Making Kashmir part of mainstream India is anti-Muslim? An attempt, albeit a flawed one, to find out who your citizens are along a porous border is anti-Muslim?

While everyone is busy keeping their eyes open for 'anti-Muslim' laws, why were they blind to anti-human rights laws such as Triple Talaq and Section 377?

Herein lies the hypocrisy of liberals. Liberals have reduced liberalism to — if you fight for minorities you are liberal, secular and an intellectual, but if you raise your voice for what is right or for a Hindu cause, like why only Hindu temples are controlled by the Government, one is called anti-Muslim or a right wing nut?

There is a rise in right wing approval today because for too long liberals forgot that liberalism is a value system based on justice and equality not just for minorities, but for ALL.

Double standards of morality and equality of liberals has made the once liberal citizens lean right. This has happened across the globe and that is why you see the rise of nationalist parties or majoritarian parties — from USA to Hungary, from Austria to Germany and to India.

If liberalism is struggling in India, if right wing BJP has flourished today, the blame squarely falls on Congress Party. It is a shame that a so-called 'secular' and 'liberal' Congress Party in half-a- century could not pass the two most significant human rights bills and it had to be done by a right wing party perceived to be parochial — decriminalisation of homosexuality and abolition of Triple Talaq.

Why didn't Congress Party, the pall-bearer of all virtuous 'isms' pass these laws? Was it because instead of looking at it as a law that brings 'equality for ALL' they saw it as 'anti-Muslim' law that could hurt their vote-bank?

This makes one wonder what have

the so-called secular parties done for minorities? Even within the party how much representation have they given for minorities? Where are the new young, bright, educated Muslim leaders in Congress or any other Party?

It is an embarrassment that Rahul Gandhi should suddenly claim he is a Brahmin and does a temple run before elections. It's a shame that leadership of CPI(M) that represents the poor labourer is monopolised by two super upper class leaders — Sitaram Yechury and Prakash Karat.

The truth is that the moment any party gives election tickets based on caste rather than performance they cease to be secular. When you choose winnability over ideology, appeasement over equality, you are just as opportunistic as any other political party. Stop pretending to be otherwise.

That is why the ever so articulate Arundhati Roy wrote: *"It's true that Congress Party has sinned, and grievously, and for decades together. But it has done by night what the BJP does by day. It has done covertly, stealthily, hypocritically, shamefacedly what the BJP does with pride."*

Congress is important for Indian democracy because regional parties will never be a stable enough force to take on the BJP. But first they need to stop obsessing over lopsided secularism and the Gandhis.

Congress and fanatical liberals have made minorities special, and in doing so, have left the majority feeling unwanted and that is why the same liberal Hindus who voted for Congress for half-a-century, today vote for BJP — they were all secular and liberal Indians until you stopped being a secular Indian Party.

Meanwhile, BJP talks about *'Sab ka vikas'*, busy trying to shed its fanatical strips and project that they are a liberal Hindu Party while Congress is still stuck trying to appease minorities and worshipping the Gandhis.

For now, as India violently marches to the beat of left-right-left politics we are only marching backwards and the true liberal, like **R.K Laxman's** *Common Man,* is left standing on the sides, sidelined and silent. Helplessly watching and religiously paying taxes and all he paid for, BURNS!!

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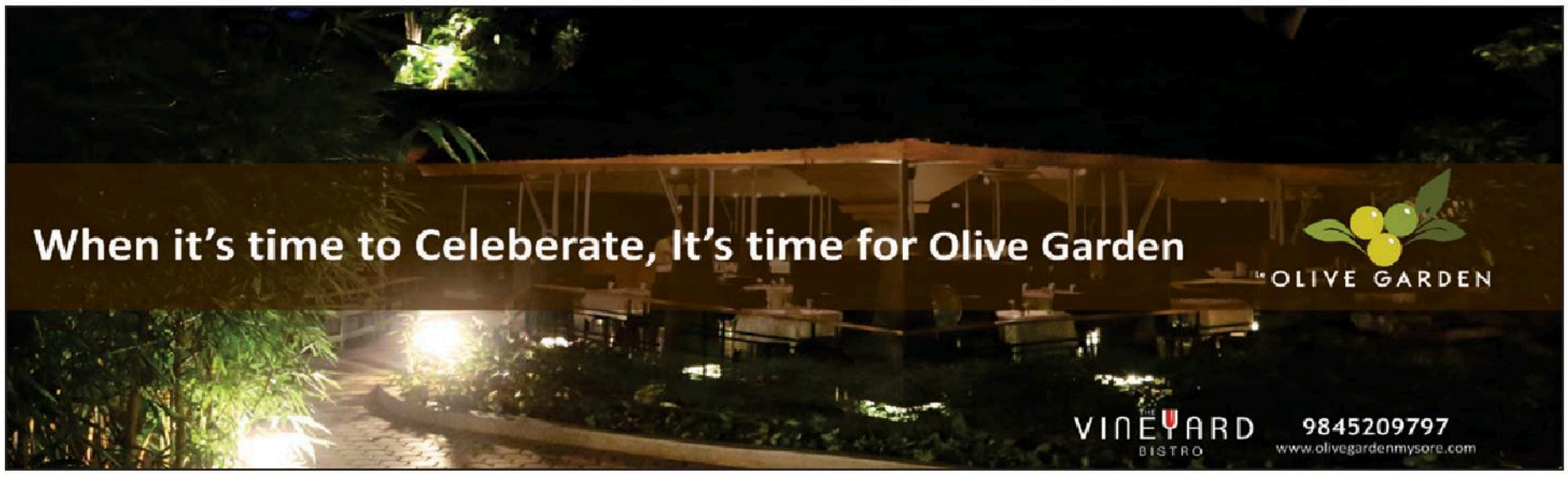


Weekend STAR Supplement

Warming up for Winter

Winter is here and amidst the chill weather where people are seen warming themselves up with fireplaces at every nook and corner of the city, a Winter Festival is being held to spread a feeling of warmth. The Festival will kick off from Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will end on Jan. 2. This is the fourth edition of the Winter Festival and its main aim is to attract tourists from far and wide. By organising such a festival, the District Administration is telling the tourists why go places when the best is available in Mysuru to spend Christmas and New Year.

The authorities are spending nearly Rs. 70 lakh towards the festival which will have winter flower show at Mysore Palace, music and dance performances, photo exhibition, cake festival, bird festival, para-motoring and splendid display of fireworks at Mysore Palace to ring in the New Year. This *Weekend Star Supplement* gives a glimpse of the activities that are being organised as part of the 2019 Winter Festival.

Scent of a Flower

Time for lively (lovely) moments at Palace

Preparations are on for the Winter Festival Flower Show at Mysore Palace premises. [Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

On an average, the Mysore Palace gets up to 10,000 to 15,000 tourists daily and during holidays. During December, the number increases to 25,000 to 30,000. Annually, the Palace attracts more than 30 to 35 lakh domestic and international tourists.

The star attraction of this year's event is the Flower Show inside Mysore Palace premises, where a replica of Bangalore Palace is being made with 4 lakh flowers. An array of flowers, including chrysanthemum, orchids, roses, dahlia, petunia and celosia, will be used to create replicas of ISRO's satellite launch, Shivakumara Swamiji, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar sitting on the golden throne, Swami Vivekananda's portrait, while ping pongs will be used to create models of Indian Navy, Army and Air Force units.

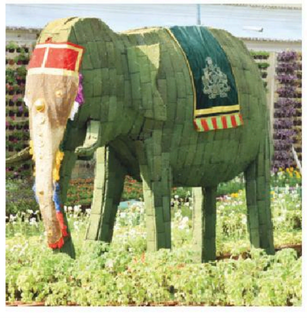
The flower show will feature flowers arranged artistically apart from 32 species of flower plants. The old Wooden Palace of Mysuru, which was destroyed in a fire in the 1890s, will be replicated using a variety of flowers. The floral replica of Bangalore Palace will be 45 ft. in length, 10 ft. in breadth and 20 ft. in height.

The flower show will also feature an elephant-drawn cart besides two giant models of elephants made of flowers. The Horticulture Department will depict the achievements of ISRO by creating a few models of rockets and space missions made entirely of flowers. The floral arrangements will be overhauled with new flowers to ensure that the exhibits remain fresh.

As it is the centenary year of the last Maharaja, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the authorities will pay tributes to him by creating a flower model of the king seated on the throne. Apart from this, statues of Swami Vivekananda, late Siddaganga seer Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, and the Private Durbar of the Wadiyars will be other attractions.

The organisers said the flower arrangement depicting the Private Durbar hall will be a selfie zone for the visitors and is expected to be popular. Model of Shivalinga constructed with lemons and Bilva leaves and a number of desert animals and birds are some of the other attractions.

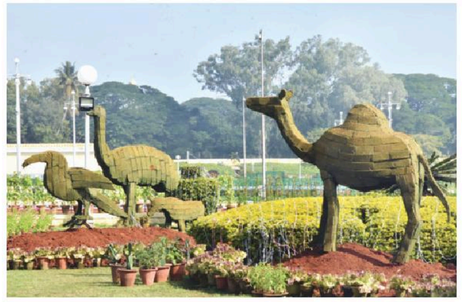
At the entrance of Varahaswamy Temple, a 27x13 feet Vertical Garden using 10,000 Petunia flowers will be built. A number of medicinal plants including Aloe Vera, Tulsi and Betel leaf saplings would be distributed to visitors at the exit point.



Depicting Mysore of yore: A photo expo

This year's Winter Festival will feature a photo exhibition on the Palace premises depicting the Mysuru of yesteryear. There will be black-and-white photographs of the maharajas, Dasara, and visit of eminent personalities to the city that are of historical importance.

These photographs will be procured from the Palace archives and displayed during the festival. Some of the photographs will also depict the important public places and buildings of Mysuru and their surroundings as it existed in the 1940s and 1950s. **[Continued on Page-12]**



Mellifluous Music to enthral audience

M.D. Pallavi *Sree Harsha* *Akhila Pajimannu* *Suraksha Das* *Anantharaj Mistry*

There will be Palace illumination daily from 7 pm to 8.30 pm while classical music featuring the **compositions of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar** will be played in the backdrop at the flower show.

From Dec. 28 to 30, there will be cultural programmes on the Palace premises. There will be a fusion show by playback singer **M.D. Pallavi and party on Dec. 28 from 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm.**

On Dec. 29, there will be musical performance by various groups **from 7 pm to 9 pm**. It will be titled **Harshadhwani Sangeetha Sanje** where singer Sree Harsha and team from Kannada Kogile fame will perform. They include Akhila Pajimannu, Sharadhi Patel, Suraksha Das and Anantharaj Mistry.

On Dec. 30, about 110 artists from Sri Raghuleela Chandra Mandira will present **Srinivasa Kalyana**, a classical dance and music feature from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Mysuru Police Band will take centre stage **on Dec. 31** and perform from 11 pm to midnight after which the fireworks will commence. Eco-friendly, soundless and **colourful fire-works** will be displayed from 12 am to 12.15 am in front of the Palace.

First-ever CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 2019 begins today

The first-ever two-day Christmas carnival has begun today. It is being held between 11 am and 8 pm at St Philomena's Church. Co-hosted by **HumanWings Foundation**, this carnival will see live performances from the likes of Western Carols to Classical carols. There are over 100 stalls at the event with over 50 stalls dedicated to food, cakes, pastries and other delicacies.

The event is dedicated to fun and frolic where everyone takes the centre-stage for entertainment that spans across carols, dance, artworks, flea market and a wide variety of other activities including face painting, comedy and magic shows, juggling, cycle stunts and skating. Over 18 churches, bakeries, commercial establishments and business houses are participating. This is the first-of-its kind event happening inside the Church. Entry is free.

For more information, contact: 9886055878/ 9148757445.

Forum Mall makes Holiday Wishes come true

Forum Mall, Mysuru, is creating another memorable experience for shoppers by making wishes come true through Make a Wish Campaign. Until Jan. 10, 2020, customers will have the chance to win their wish from Make A Wish Box. 20 lucky winners will be selected, with gifts worth up to 1 lakh given away weekly. Customers who shop for Rs. 3,000 or more stand a chance to win a Maruti Suzuki Alto, Queen Size Bed, Home Accessories, assured Gifts and many more exciting prizes. With all of this and more, the holiday season at Forum Mall is sure to delight and amaze, bringing families, friends and loved ones together to share in the seasonal spirit, creating great moments for everyone, every day.

Soar like an eagle on a Paramotor

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If you have always looked up at the sky and wished you can fly like a bird, soar like an eagle, now is your chance make it a real live the dream, soar like an eagle.

With intent to offer an opportunity for the locals and the tourists to get a glimpse of the city from the bird's eye view, a Paramotor ride is being organised as part of the Winter Festival.

A Paramotor consists of a frame that combines the motor, propeller, harness (with integrated seats) and cage. It provides two attachment points for the risers of a paraglider wing that allows for a powered flight for 2 fliers. (Pilot + 1)

Para motoring is one of the popular aero sports in India. It is also known as powered paragliding. This is a recreational activity where the participant sits on a trike (three wheel cage) along with the pilot and flies.

Bangalore Aviation and Sports Enterprise (BASE) will be conducting this adventure ride from Dec. 24 to 31 at Maharaja's College Cricket Grounds for the people to experience the adrenaline rush. Rs. 2,000 has been fixed as fee per person. This thrilling air sport can be perfect for adventure lovers. All the safety gears required for the activity will be provided.

Seeing them fly
Two days with birds

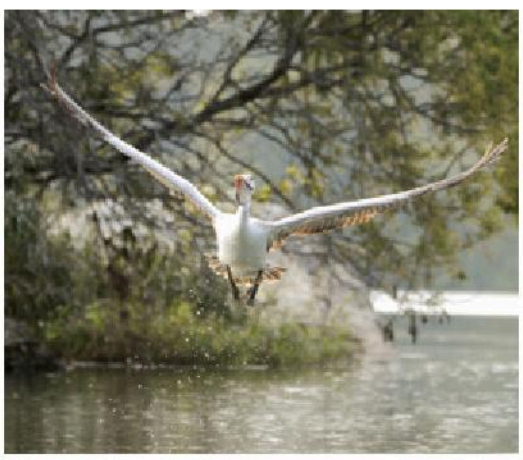
To provide an opportunity for people to relish wondrous sights of resident and migratory birds, the District Administration, in association with Tourism Department, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden, Forest Department and Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), has organised `Mysuru Bird Festival' on Dec. 28 and 29. This is the second edition of the event and is being continued after a good response received last year.

The two-day bird festival which is being organised as part of the Mysuru Winter Festival will make people and bird watchers and bird lovers familiarise with a diverse variety of bird species. Experts in the field are invited for the festival to create awareness among the participants on the rich biodiversity.

Registration fee will be Rs.300 per participant (limited to first 100 entries) that includes breakfast, lunch, tea on Dec.28 on Dec.29 and also local transportation to birding sites. It does not include transportation to Mysuru and accommodation in Mysuru.

Participants will be taken out to Kamanahundi Kere, Rayanakere, Varakodu Forest, Giribetta Kere, Hebbal Lake and Thippayyanakere and other wetlands where different species of birds are found. Birding sites are all around 30 minutes distance from the city, and covers wetlands and scrub/ degraded forest.

In addition to the bird watching, technical session will also be held for the participants.



Bird expert Dr. S Subramanya, Dr. Sameer Agnihotri, Anagha and Dr. Abhijith APC will be the resource person of the technical sessions who will speak about diverse topics including bird conservation, nocturnal birds of Karnataka. Register at ***www.mysorezoo.info/birdfestival***

getting the MIX right

It is the joyous cake-mixing ceremony that heralds the Christmas season. The history of this amazing tradition that takes place weeks before the Christmas Festival goes back to centuries ago. The elaborate ingredients that are required to bake the perfect plum cake are put together and mixed well in large quantities. Bottles of high-quality liquor, wine and honey are poured over dried fruits, nuts, powdered grains, fresh fruits and spices and are mixed well using hands to give the cakes their amazing taste and mesmerising aroma. Cake-mixing has become an inseparable part of our culture and our Christmas celebrations. It is a harbinger of good tidings and happiness. Originally a family affair, since many years, cake-mixing has become a social event with hotels spreading camaraderie and goodwill. Here we feature cake-mixing events at select locations in Mysuru city.

FROSTING: *A unique Cake Exhibition and Thailand Delicacy Food Festival titled 'The Taste of Thai' is on at Frosting in V.V. Mohalla. On display are exquisite cakes that are not only visually enchanting but a delightful experience for the taste-buds too. Each and every scrumptious cake displayed by the chefs of Frosting are sheer masterpieces. The Cake Show, in its third edition, features cakes in unheard-of designs and shapes. Visit this Cafe before Dec. 30 lest you regret later!*

RADISSON BLU PLAZA: *This Hotel on M.G. Road in city ushered in the Christmas excitement with a fun-filled cake-mixing ceremony recently. The Hotel brought together the who's who of the community, resident guests and staff for the event. A 24-ft. long steel table holding the myriad ingredients for the cake was unveiled. Arranged on it, in vibrant shapes of stars and trees, were 50 kgs of chopped, grated and sliced dried fruits — cherries, dates and plums. The participants mixed together the ingredients into a sugary sweet batter, which will be fermented before the cake is baked and readied for distribution. Director of Sales S. Vijay Selvaraj and others were present.*

HOTEL SOUTHERN STAR: *The Annual Christmas cake-mixing ceremony was held at the Hotel on Vinoba Road in city recently. Varieties of dry fruits and nuts — Cashew 15 kgs, pistachios 10 kgs, dates 15 kgs, almond 10 kgs, black currant 5 kgs, orange peel 8 kgs, apricot 15 kgs, walnuts 10 kgs, figs 10 kgs, black raisins 10 kgs, raisins 10 kgs, ginger peel 5 kgs — with hand-picked wines, other alcoholic beverages and spices were mixed by the Hotel Management team, staff and in-House guests symbolising the onset of Xmas season. General Manager Naresh Kumar Tuteja, Executive Chef P.S. Abu Backer and others were present.*

HOTEL GRAND MERCURE: *Christmas is a time for giving and Grand Mercure, Sayyaji Rao Road, invited children from Kaliyuva Mane NGO on Dec.14 for a special tree lighting ceremony and were asked to write and stick the name of the gift they wish for on the tree. This event was also promoted in Mall of Mysore with a flash mob and a baking workshop specially for kids by the chef on Dec.15. While celebrating the spirit of the season, Grand Mercure is inviting everyone to support with any gifts possible to brighten the day of underprivileged children from the city.*

ST. PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE: *The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management of St. Philomena's College (Autonomous) in Bannimantap too had organised cake-mixing ceremony. A spread of 400 kgs of dry fruits including cashew nuts, almonds, dates, cherries, raisins, ginger peel, orange peel, lemon rind and tutti fruit were heaped on the table to make a mixture to bake 1,500- kg cake for Christmas. Bakery Division Head C.V. Ranjith, Rector Fr. Barnard Prakash Barnis, Principal Dr. Ruth Shantha Kumari, PG Studies and Research Centre Director Prof. Othbert Pinto, Vice Rector Fr. Maria Xavier, Vice-Principal Prof. Sanjay Nair, other faculties and students were present.*

Slurrp! Cake Festival
an icing for Winter Festival

Cakes — colourful and soft — are a treat not just for the taste buds, but for the eyes as well. And this Christmas-New Year season, the treat is getting better. City bakeries and sweet shops will participate in the 'Cake Festival 2019,' to be held at Rajendra Kalamandira on Ramanuja Road from **Dec. 27 to 29.**

Many baked goodies and customised cakes will be kept on display to make the winter festival more colourful and tastier too. The festival will be held from 8 am to 10 pm and apart from savouring cakes and pastries, visitors can taste foods available during winter season. Preference will be given to hotels, bakeries and restaurants that prepare winter dishes. The event aims to introduce new varieties of cakes for customers. A number of bakeries will present their special cakes and other products at the festival. The Department of Food and Civil supplies has been organising cake festivals since 2013.

The cake festival will be an ideal platform to display the finest cakes in the city. He said all types of cakes including plum cakes, cream cakes, Pastries and hot cakes will be displayed at the event and awards will be distributed to best ones.

Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy
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Great Sanskrit Scholar, illustrious Music Composer

Recently, I was invited to attend a music concert at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in city. The invitation came from Neeraja Achyuta Rao. The concert was really wonderful and everybody including myself enjoyed it.

This concert was arranged in the revered memory of (now late) Prof. H. Yoganarasimham from Holenarasipura. He was the Principal of Maharaja Sanskrit College. A strict Principal, anybody who wanted to meet any staff member or a student had to take permission from him. However, nobody could meet him directly. There was an Office Assistant by name Danaiah. In this connection I would like to recall an incident mentioned by my father late A.S. Vishwanatha Sastry.

One day my father wanted to meet my grandfather Aradikoppam Subramanya Sastriji, who was Professor at Sanskrit Patashala to convey some urgent message. Naturally he was asked to fill in a slip mentioning the purpose, the urgency and the duration of the meeting, which happened more than 80 years ago. When I asked my father as to why he was made to wait, he informed me that it would have disturbed the class routine of my grandfather and also would have drawn the attention of the other staff and students disturbing the learning atmosphere.

After my retirement from the University of Mysore almost twenty years ago, on further reflection I came to know that Principal Yoganarasimham was maintaining discipline which was the right thing to do. Yoganarasimham had his higher education in Mysore and took his BA degree in 1918 from Maharaja's College. He obtained MA degree in 1921. After completing his MA, he entered into Mysore Government service. His first assignment was Sanskrit Inspector of Schools and later promoted as Principal of Maharaja's Sanskrit College in 1929. He became the Principal of Bangalore Sanskrit College in 1937. After working in various places, he retired from Government service in 1952. He was a consultant to Mysore Akashavani also. Then he was Professor in Sanskrit at Sarada Vilas College, Mysore. Again he went back to Bangalore in 1966.

Yoganarasimham worked almost incognito without giving much publicity to his work as the Principal. The entire family of Yoganarasimham was illustrious and did social service. His wife Saraswathamma (now late) had started an organisation for children called **Mysore Makkalakoota.** She was the blood and soul of this organisation. Yoganarasimham's eldest son H.Y. Sharada Prasad was Media Adviser to Indira Gandhi.

In those days as students we were taken on excursions to various places and New Delhi was a must. One of Yoganarasimham's sons H.Y. Rajagopal was my classmate in High

Prof. H. Yoganarasimham [1897 - 1971]

School. Later he took to engineering and we parted ways but were in correspondence. He used to telephone to me or send email from USA enquiring my welfare and my academic activities. Unfortunately he also passed away recently.

Now coming back to Makkalakoota, I used to go to their house, which was very near to my school. Saraswathamma used to narrate stories of patriots who laid down their lives for the sake of this great country. Tears used to roll down from our eyes. That was the powerful way of telling stories by Saraswathamma. While narrating stories, she used to give healthy and tasty food to all the students.

The couple Yoganarasimham and Saraswathamma had eight children and it is noteworthy that they made a mark for themselves in their chosen fields. However, Sharada Prasad was the most illustrious of these children being Media Advisor to three Prime Ministers of India. I must hasten to add that other members of this family were equally illustrious. One of his daughters Neeraja Achyuta Rao is a famous Karnatak classical musician.

In addition to his busy schedule as the Principal, Yoganarasimham found time to contribute greatly to other fields also. He was an author too. Among the books he wrote mention may be made of *Manassilladmadve* (Marriage without any liking) which appears to be a farce. He also translated many books from English to Kannada. Some of them in this category are the life of *Maharshi Karve,* Bertrand Russel's *Conquest of Happiness* and *Gitakusumanjali.* He also acted in dramas.

He was involved in many edited works. Among them mention should be made of *The Compositions of Mysore Sadashiva Rao* (1954) and *The Compositions of Veene Seshanna* (1965). Both of these books have been published by Mysore Sangeetha Kalabhivardhini Sabha patronised by the great music composer Sangeetha Kalanidhi Vasudevacharya.

His book of music compositions *Swarakusumanjali* (published 10 years after his demise) contains 36 compositions of 10 different forms. Pleased with the quality of his compositions, *Bharat Ratna* M.S. Subbulakshmi has sung some of Yoganarasimham's compositions in an exclusive cassette released in 1986. Due to incessant heavy work as Principal and as a composer of music, and his incessant cultural activities, he became one with music and passed away peacefully on 14th May 1971. Hundreds of music-lovers and educationists mourned his death. Many condolence meetings were held both in India and abroad. With Yoganarasimham's death, a golden age in music and Sanskrit education came to an end. His wife Saraswathamma died in 1993.

Yoganarasimham was greatly influenced by Rabindranath Tagore and hence had visited Shantiniketan. He had specially learnt the beautiful Bengali song *Ai Bhuvanamanamohini* and taught this song to his children and also to students in the College. When Tagore visited Mysore in 1942, Yoganarasimham had arranged a felicitation function at Nishad Bagh in Mysore.

In a commemorative volume brought out to celebrate his birth centenary, Yoganarasimham's contemporaries have paid glorious tributes to the work done by him. V. Sitaramaiah, another celebrity, has admired his sterling qualities. Justice Nittoor Srinivasa Rao has written that even Prof. Hiriyanna used to admire Yoganarasimham's qualities of head and heart. Veena Doreswamy Iyengar was a great Veena player of those days and he has paid handsome tributes to Yoganarasimham.

To commemorate this great composer and Sanskrit scholar, an organisation by name **Devageetham Foundation** has been started. Musicians and Sanskrit scholars have voluntarily donated huge amounts of money, so that this Trust can arrange music concerts and help deserving musicians. There is also a plan to construct a building worthy of this great musician. That monument will be a fitting tribute to Prof. Yoganarasimham.

Prof. H. Yoganarasimham has become immortal by his scholarship and music compositions. All that now remains are the sweet memories of this illustrious scholar and we seek his blessings for our lives and our generations to come.

PS: *I am grateful to Neeraja Achyuta Rao and Mukund for providing a close insight about this illustrious family.*

Veteran writer L.S. Sheshagiri Rao passes away

Prof. Sheshagiri Rao

Bengaluru, Dec.21-Veteran Kannada writer and critic Prof. L.S. Sheshagiri Rao passed way at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Friday. He was 94.

Rao, who was popularly referred to as LSS in literary circles, was best known for his English-Kannada Dictionary and critical works, both in Kannada and English. He was the first Chairman of Kannada Book Authority (KBA) and had served as the Honorary Secretary of Kannada Sahitya Parishat (1947-50) and President of BM Sri Smaraka Prathisthana. He was a member of Kendra Sahitya Academy and National Book Trust.

A recipient of many awards including Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Kendra Sahitya Academy, Rajyotsava and Masti awards, LSS had presided over the 74th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at Udupi in 2007.

Prof. Rao had retired from the English Department of Bangalore University over three decades ago.

He is survived by his wife and two sons. Last rites were performed at Banashankari crematorium yesterday.

Centenary of Veerashaiva Anathalaya tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.21 (RKB&US)-Veerashaiva Anathalaya as part of its centenary celebrations has organised a function tomorrow at 10 am at Rajendra Kalamandira on Ramanuja Road here.

Veerashaiva Anathalaya Trust President M. Rajashekar said that Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Kuderu Mutt Seer Sri Gurushanta Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Retired DGP L. Revanasiddaiah will inaugurate. MLA S.A. Ramdas will release a commemorative volume. Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, Corporators B.V. Manjunath and N. Sunil Kumar will be the chief guests.

Anathalaya was established in 1918 by late Veeramma, wife of late Bhadrappa and daughter of late Kariyanna. In 1937 late Gurubasappa though visually impaired could understand the plight of poor students in society and through a will donated his movable and immovable property to the Anathalaya which strengthened the institution to become a boon for poor students.

Rajmohan Gandhi decries demand for making India a 'Hindu Rashtra'

Natl. Seminar on 'Media & Democracy' begins in city

Rajmohan Gandhi (in kurta), senior journalist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, taking a walk at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri in city this morning before delivering the keynote address at the inaugural ceremony of the two-day National Seminar on 'Media and Democracy' in Gandhi Vichara Parishat ground.

Mysuru, Dec.21 (PM&DM)- Strongly opposing the demand that has come to the fore in recent years for making India a 'Hindu Rashtra,' Rajmohan Gandhi, social activist, senior journalist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, said that such a demand has caused concern across the country.

He was delivering the keynote address on the first day of the two-day National Seminar on 'Media and Democracy,' jointly organised by Gandhi Vichara Parishat and the Centre for Gandhian Studies of the University of Mysore (UoM), at Gandhi Vichara Parishat ground, opposite Eshwara Temple on Adichunchanagiri Road in Aravinda Nagar here this morning.

Making a comparison to whites in America who always want to take total control of that country's administration to the concept of 'Hindu Rashtra' here in India, Rajmohan Gandhi said that Mahatma Gandhi never discriminated among the country's people based on caste, creed or religion.

Recalling that Mahatma Gandhi too was an active journalist for over four decades, he said that the Mahatma brought out many papers such as 'Indian Opinion' and 'Harijan.'

Pointing out that Gandhiji took on the British when they asked him not to publish the arrest of Vinoba Bhave and Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajmohan Gandhi maintained that the concept of social media today was prevalent then also, but in a nascent form.

Pointing out that India belongs to everyone, he highlighted the role of the media in fighting for the cause of democratic principles.

Gandhi Vichara Parishat President P. Mallesh presided over the inaugural. Former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who is also the Hon. Vice-President of Gandhi Vichara Parishat, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Prof. M.S. Sekhar, Parishat Secretary Samskruti Subramanya and others were present. The two-day event features lecture sessions and panel discussions.

Rahmohan Gandhi given warm welcome

Earlier in the day, Rajmohan Gandhi was accorded a warm welcome when he arrived at the Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri. He went around the Bhavan and felt happy about the environs there.

Expressing delight about the natural scenic beauty of the spot, with Kukkarahalli lake in the background, he praised the city for it's cleanliness and peaceful atmosphere.

Rajmohan Gandhi was honoured with a Mysuru Shawl and Coorg Honey, by Prof. M.S. Shekar and others on the occasion.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Gandhian K.T. Veerappa, activists T. Umapathy, P. Mallesh and others were present.

MCC official trapped while taking Rs.3,000 bribe

Mysuru, Dec.21- An assistant attached to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was caught red-handed by the personnel of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) while accepting bribe for an official work at his office.

Manjunath, a Second Division Assistant (SDA) working at Krishnaraja Constituency Ashraya Scheme Division, who was overseeing the files of Ashraya Scheme houses, had demanded money from Somashekar, a beneficiary, to issue the release deed of an Ashraya house.

Somashekar, a resident of Ramabainagar, had applied for an Ashraya house to his grandmother Kempamma. Somashekar applied to get the release deed but Manjunath demanded Rs.3,000. Earlier too, Manjunath had taken Rs.15,000 from Somashekar to sanction an Ashraya house. This time, Somashekar tipped off ACB who laid a trap and caught the official red-handed, ACB Superintendent of Police J.K. Rashmi said.

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.. Defendant No.8

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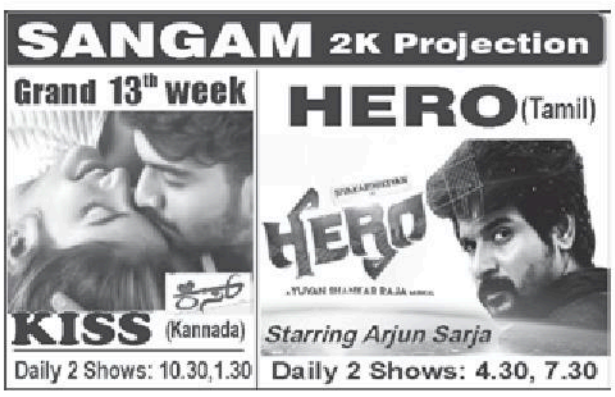

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RBNCC wins KSCA Mysuru Inter-Club U-16 title

*RBNCC team which won the KSCA Mysuru Zone U-16 Inter-Club Tournament 2019-20 played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds in city recently. Seen are (standing from left) **Tejas Krishna, Prabhav Sharma, S.R. Chiranthan, Varun Kumar, Balaji, Raghu Samarth, Prajwal, Kethan, R. Raaj, Rishikesh and Surya P. Kaushik;** (sitting from left) **Rohith Gowtham, L. Manvanth Kumar, Coach M.S. Ravindra, KSCA Mysuru Hon. Secretary S. Balachander, Captain A. Abhay Rangan, Coach K.R. Pavan and Aryan Kaverappa.***

Mysuru, Dec.21- A match-winning century by opener A. Abhay Rangan (118) enabled RBNCC to register a facile 38-run win over New National CC and clinch the title in the final of the KSCA Mysuru Zone U-16 Inter-Club Tournament 2019-20 played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here recently.

SCORES

FINAL

RBNCC: 264/6 in 50 overs (A. Abhay Rangan 118, Varun Kumar 85, L. Manvanthkumar 28) bt **New National CC:** 226/7 in 50 overs (M.K. Yashwanth 91, Prajwal 54, M.C. Samarth 45 n.o.)

SEMI-FINAL

RBNCC: 208/9 in 50 overs (Aryan Kaverappa 62, Tejas Krishna 34 n.o., G. Rohith Gowtham 26, Mourya Janardhan 3/36, Shrikar 3 for 52) bt **National CC:** 108 in 31.5 overs (Agni 27, R. Raaj 4/21, A. Abhay Rangan 4/20).

Joshna Chinappa nominated for Sportstar ACES Awards - 2020

Madikeri, Dec.21- The International Squash player Joshna Chinappa from Kodagu has been nominated for the Sportstar ACES Awards - 2020.

Joshna is nominated for the 'Sportswoman of the Year' award in the Racquet Sports category along with P.V. Sindhu (Badminton) and Archana Kamath (Table Tennis).

Nominees for 'Sportsman of the Year' award in the Racquet Sports category are G. Sathiyan (Table Tennis), G. Prajnesh (Tennis) and Saurav Ghosal (Squash).

The top two contenders from each category, based on popular vote, will be sent to a jury panel, which will then decide the winner.

To vote, log on: *sportstar.thehindu.com/aces-awards* **or give a missed call to 044-71055000.**

Joshna Chinappa, who reached a career-high world ranking of World No.10 in July 2016, was the first Indian to win the British Squash Championship title in 2003 in the U-19 category and was also the youngest Indian women's national champion.

Joshna Chinappa

At the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Joshna, along with Dipika Pallikal Karthik, won the Squash Women's Doubles Gold Medal, making it India's first ever Commonwealth Games medal in the sport.

Currently training at the Indian Squash Academy, Chennai, Joshna is the daughter of Kuttanda Anjan Chinappa and Sunitha of Pollibetta, Kodagu.

KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Club U-19 Tourney

Five-wicket win for Jo Jo CC

Mysuru, Dec.21- Centuries by Md. Kaif Basha (123, 15x4) and Sachin Sharma (100) enabled Jo Jo CC to register a well-earned five-wicket win over Jawahars CC in the KSCA Mysuru Zone U-19 Inter-Club Tournament 2019-20, played at the Maharaja's College Grounds here recently.

SCORES

Jawahars CC: 292/9 in 50 overs (Hriday A. Singavi 71, Hrishab A. Singavi 59, S.S. Dolysh 37, Abdul Quadir 30, Surendra Rathore 25, B.V. Nirmal 4/43) lost to **Jo Jo CC:** 293/5 in 49.3 overs (Md. Kaif Basha 123, Sachin Sharma 100, A. Palaksha 3/61).

Navodaya CC: 153 in 37.5 overs (L.J. Tarun 31 n.o., Akhilesh Rao 30, Shreyas 4/28) bt **The Mysore City Gymkhana:** 107 in 28.2 overs (Nadin Ronak 35, Supreeth Gowda 3/32).

Bellur CC: 178 in 37.4 overs (Shamay Gowda 39, Yashwanth Patel 34, H.S. Krupanidhi 30, Bala Sachit 5/39) lost to **The Mysore Gymkhana:** 179/8 in 37.5 overs (P. Tarun 37, L.J. Arjun 27, Saarthak Shekar 5/30).

Sunny Side CC: 169/9 in 50 overs (Bhoushan 27, Harshith 25 n.o., Manohar 3/26, Sukdev 3/19) bt **MUCSC:** 61 in 23.3 overs (Medhansh 7/13).

Mysore Underwriters SC: 145 in 27.4 overs (N. Sharath 36, Tushar Singavi 5/28, Pratham 3/25) lost to **Garner CC:** 146/4 in 28.5 overs (Abid 59 n.o.).

FUCC: 84 in 24.2 overs (Mahendrakumar 6/23) lost to **Jawahars CC:** 85/1 in 9.4 overs (Hrishab A. Singavi 41 n.o., A. Palaksha 31).

The Mysore Gymkhana: 124 in 28.5 overs (A.M. Chethan 45, A. Likith 3/31, G. Harshavardhan 4/18) lost to **Jo Jo CC:** 126/8 in 28.3 overs (Rakshit Shetty 49 n.o., J. Kushal Kumar 6/37).

Karavali CC: 126 in 37.4 overs (Nelson 37, Subash 36, Madhava 5/19, Kethan 4/30) lost to **National CC:** 127/2 in 17.5 overs (Yogesh 41, Ritesh 30 n.o).

Mysore University chess team for South Zone Championship

*The men's chess team of University of Mysore (UoM) which will be taking part in the South Zone Inter-University Men's Chess Championship 2019-20 to be held at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, from Dec.22 to 25. Seen are (standing from left) **Ashutosh, M. Manikanta, N. Bharath and L. Jitendra Kashyap;** (sitting from left) **Coach & Manager Krishanappa, UoM's Department of Physical Education (DPE) Director (in-Charge) Dr. P. Krishnaiah and Captain K. Krishna Rao.***

Winners in Volleyball Tournaments

*The U-16 and U-14 boys volleyball teams of Police Public School, Jalapuri, won the Tournaments organised by Genius PU College and Mount Litera Zee School respectively. PICTURE LEFT: **U-16 team —** (standing) **Varshith, Rizwan Shariff, Sanjay, Ujwal, Manager Anand, Coach Lakshmana, Chethan, Navaneeth, Vivekapriya and Yashith;** (kneeling) **Jeevan, Ganesh and Darshan;** PICTURE RIGHT: **U-14 team —** (standing) **Tejas, Chethan, Vivekapriya, Navaneeth, Shanshank N. Raj, Rohith Kumar and Sachin;** (kneeling) **Manoj, Rahul, Yashith, Vedamurthy, Nandan and Anup;** (sitting) **Organiser Anil, Manager Anand and Coach Lakshmana.***

Woman cheats Amazon by keeping original stuff and returning cheap copies !

Mysuru, Dec.21 (SBD& BCT)- A woman from city is in the dock for allegedly cheating e-commerce giant *Amazon India* to the tune of Rs.1.17 lakh by making numerous online purchases, returning substandard or cheap copies.

The woman claimed refunds from *Amazon* for the delivered products after returning their inexpensive duplicates.

An avid online buyer, Ashwini decided to deceive the system but was caught by a human being manning the online system. She is a resident of Jayalakshmipuram. On Dec.9, she placed an order under the name Manorama with *Amazon* for a pair of jeans pant and the seller promptly delivered it to her on Dec.18. Immediately, Ashwini alias Manorama returned the pants and claimed that it was defective and does not match her order specifications. She thought that the online system will accept her fraud.

But when the returned pants were examined by *Amazon* back-end investigation manager S. Rajareddy, he found that the original pair of pants that was delivered to Manorama did not match with the one that has been returned. The quality differed and it was a cheap used pair of pants.

Not leaving this as an isolated incident, a suspicious Rajareddy tracked the orders that were delivered to Manorama (Ashwini) and found that she had placed many such orders in the past using her mobile phone and the mobile phones of her friends.

Ashwini misused *Amazon's* 'Returns, Refunds and Replacement' policy.

Amazon refunds customers on receiving damaged goods or those of substandard quality. Ashwini purchased different commodities and returned the products by replacing them with fake ones.

Sensing a cheating pattern, Rajareddy found out that more than 48 items including clothes were purchased by the lady in question and she had returned cheap stuff immediately after delivery by claiming that the items were not in order or does not match her preference.

Also, refund was claimed which the online shopping system credited to her bank account. Making it a habit, Ashwini had cheated the company and thought that she could get away and hoodwink the shopping giant.

Rajareddy realised that Manorama alias Ashwini had cheated *Amazon* of Rs.1.17 lakh. He reported the fraud to his higher-ups and it was decided to file a Police complaint against Ashwini.

Tarun Verma of *Amazon* has lodged a complaint with V.V. Puram Police Station and the Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Crime Prevention Month

Nazarbad Police take out cycle rally in city

Mysuru, Dec.21 (KS)- As part of Crime Prevention Month, Nazarbad Police on Dec.18 took out a cycle rally to create awareness on 'Crime Prevention' by carrying placards with messages on crime prevention on the cycles.

The awareness cycle rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) B.T. Kavitha in the presence of Devaraja Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Shashidhar.

The cycle rally, which began from Nazarbad Police Station Circle, passed through Chennaiah Circle, Maharana Pratap Circle (Canara Bank Circle), Government Guest House South Gate, the arch on B.N. Road, Chatrimara junction, Hardinge Circle, Mirza Road, Zoo Road, MRC Circle, Boulevard Circle, Kurubarahalli Circle, the arch gate on Lalitha Mahal Road, Siddarthanagar, Male Mahadeshwara Main Road, Nazarbad Police Station, Hardinge Circle and culminated at Dr. Rajkumar Park near Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

Nazarbad Inspector H.R. Vivekananda, Sub-Inspector N.R. Bhavya, Alanahalli Inspector Hariyappa, Probationary Sub-Inspector Siddesh, staff of Nazarbad, Alanahalli and Siddarthanagar Police Stations and nurses of Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital took part in the awareness rally.

Man dies after falling off from scooter

Mysuru, Dec.21 (RK&DM)- A 45-year-old man died after falling off from his scooter on Wednesday. Rudraiah (45), a resident of J.P. Nagar in city, is the deceased.

Rudraiah was travelling on his scooter near Kavita Bakery Circle in J.P. Nagar on the morning of Dec.19, when he accidentally fell off from the scooter and sustained serious injuries.

He was immediately rushed to Kamakshi Hospital in J.P. Nagar and later shifted to JSS Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries the same day in the afternoon.

KR Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 22)

Deepa Recreation Club, Roopanagar: Home-maker Walkathon on the theme 'Home-maker's Health is Nation's Health,' Preethi Nagaraj inaugurates, Sudhakar S. Shetty, Chairman, Jnanasarovara International Residential School, chief guest, Roopanagar School Grounds, **6.30 am.**

Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Gramabhivruddhi Yojane BC Trust, Mysuru taluk, Samoohika Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Puja Vyavastapana Samiti, Hinakal, Sri Devarakere Abhivruddhi Samiti, Hinkal, Gram Panchayat, Hinkal and Pragatibandhu Swa-Sahaya Sanghagala Okkuta, Mysuru City: Samoohika Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Puja, handing over of Sri Devarakere (rejuvenated under 'Nammuru-Namma Kere' scheme), Kaginele Seer Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji graces the occasion, Sri Devarakere Abhivruddhi Samiti-Hinkal Hon. President A. Papanna presides, Dharmasthala's Community and Development Division Regional Director A. Srihari will be present, Sri Devarakere premises, near Nanneshwara Temple, Hinkal, **7.30 am.**

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Sri Mayakara Gurukula, Mysuru, Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru and Karnataka State Federation of Astrologers and Astrological Institutions, Bengaluru: 3rd State-level Seminar on 'Vaastu Shastra,' Karnataka Samskrit University Vice-Chancellor Prof. V. Girish Chandra inaugurates, Chief Editor of The Astrological eMagazine Niranjan Babu delivers keynote address, Karnataka State Federation of Astrologers and Astrological Institutions President Dr. S. Krishnakumar releases souvenir, Suttur Shivarathreeshwara Panchanga composer K.G. Puttahonnaiah presides, Karnataka Samskrit University Registrar Prof. Veeranarayana N.K. Pandurangi and Sri Kannika Prameshwari Society-Mysuru President M.S. Nagaraju chief guests, Sri Mayakara Gurukula Founder Dr. Muguru Madhu Dixit and Sri Mayakara Gurukula Siruguppa Branch Head Dr. Banagar Chandrashekar will be present, Cauvery auditorium, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises, Hunsur Road, **9 am to 5.30 pm.**

Agastya Credit Cooperative Society: Sports Meet as part of Silver jubilee celebrations, Oval Grounds, opposite Crawford Hall, **9 am.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Sri Adi Shankaracharya Sharada Peetham (Hariharapura, Koppa taluk, Chikkamagalur) Seer Swayamprakasha Sachidananda Saraswathi Swamiji blesses the devotees, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **9.30 am;** Special pujas, Mandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Divyadwani Sampada [Ph: 2301609 or Mob: 98450-98426]: 23rd Bhagavad Gita Recitation Contest for students, Divyadwani Sampada, 'Kashyapa,' MIG-21 (OYHS), Hebbal 1st Stage, Lakshmikanthanagar, **10 am.**

Veerashaiva Anathalaya Trust, Ramanuja Road: Centenary Celebrations, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Kuderu Mutt Seer Sri Gurushanta Swamiji will grace the occasion, retd. DGP L. Revannasiddaiah inaugurates, MLA S.A. Ramdas releases souvenir, Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar chief guest, Opposition Leader in the MCC B.V. Manjunath and former Corporator N. Sunil Kumar special invitees, Veerashaiva Anathalaya Trust President M. Rajashekar presides, Rajendra Kalamandira, Ramanuja Road, **10 am.**

Nrityalaya Trust - An Academy of Performing Arts: 'Nalavattara Nalivu - Nitya Nartana Parva,' Cultural event marking 40th anniversary, Kanakadasa's 'Haribhaktisaara' Vaachana by Dhanya, **10 am;** Demo by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, Mysuru and Vid. D.V. Prasanna Kumar, Bengaluru, **10.30 am;** 'Kathak Kalapa' by Nrityalaya students, **12.30 pm;** 'Nartana Sambhrama' by Vidu. Ranjini Jayasimha, Director, Kalavaridhi fine arts institution, Bengaluru and Padmarao, Director, Nrityanjali Academy of Dance, North Carolina (USA), Sahana Chethan from Shivamogga comperes, **1 pm to 1.30 pm;** 'Sangeetha Sudhe' - Vid. S. Shankar, Bengaluru (vocal), Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan (violin), Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy (mridanga) and Vid. Raghunandan Rao (ghata), **4.30 pm;** Stage programme, *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, Prof. A.T. Bhashyam, danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and NR Group Chairman R. Guru will be present, felicitation to *Natyacharya* Prof. M.R. Krishnamurthy (Dance), *Karnataka Kalashree* Vid. S. Shankar (Music) and Vidu. Sunita Chandrakumar (Sugama Sangeetha), **5.30 pm;** Dance Feature 'Dhanyamaanini' and 'Goundali Lasya', Patriotic Song Dance (Choreography by Guru Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra), Dr. Deepika Madhava from Mysuru comperes, Jaganmohan Palace, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Vishwaratna Charitable Trust: Inauguration of the Trust by Kalyanasiri Bhanteji, Trust President Dr. H.B. Somashekar presides, Mysore University Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan releases calendar, Special Land Acquisition Office (KIADB) K.M. Suresh Kumar chief guest, DCP B.T. Kavitha special invitee, Rotary Hall, opp. MUDA, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery: 'Rekhakaara,' solo art expo by Manju R. Belavadi, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **11 am to 6.30 pm.**

Human Wings Foundation: Christmas Carnival, cake expo with cookies and donuts and Christmas-based delicacies, St. Philomena's Church, **11 am to 8 pm.**

Teresian Cricket Academy, DPE, University of Mysore and Hampa Family: Valedictory of Mahadevappa Memorial Invitational (U-14) Cricket Tourney, KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor Sudhakar Rai chief guest, Teresian Institutions Secretary Rev. Dr. Sr. Sajitha presides, Teresian College, MSJ Maria Sports Ground, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Karnatak Classical Music by Sumukh Surya and Sinchana S. Shankar and troupe, **5 pm;** Devotional Songs by Dr. K.G. Padmanabha from Hosakote and troupe, **6.45 pm;** Sri Sita Rama, Lakshmana, Hanumanta Devara Uyyalotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharata Vana Parva' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendracharya, Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Bhanuvaara Sanje Geleyara (BHASANGE) Balaga, Mysuru: Karnatak

classical flute concert by **Vid. Mysore V. Vamshidhar,** in memory of noted art critic S.R. Krishnamurthy, accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Anirudh Bhat on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha's Vasudevacharya Auditorium, **JLB Road, 6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha: Odissi recital by

Vidu. Sindhu Krishnan and party, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita and Karma Yoga,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Hindustani Vocal Concert by Pt. Prabhu Rao, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**

WORD OF THE DAY

Tractable

Pronunciation: TRAK-tuh-bul.

Meaning: Capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled : docile; easily handled, managed.

Origin: Docile, obedient, and amenable are synonyms of tractable, but those four words have slightly different shades of meaning. Tractable describes an individual whose character permits easy handling, while docile implies a predisposition to submit readily to authority. Obedient is often used to describe compliance with authority, although that compliance is not necessarily offered eagerly. Amenable, on the other hand, is usually used when someone cooperates out of a desire to be agreeable. Tractable dates from the early 16th century and derives from the Latin verb tractare ("to handle" or "to treat").

Example: "He also looks ... at the biological and cultural implications of 'self-domestication,' a process by which humans school themselves out of their feral nature and into habits of being that moderate violence—though, as he adds, while other domesticated species such as dogs and guinea pigs are 'delightfully tractable,' human adaptability and cultural learning add up to something more." — Kirkus Reviews.

THE ODD WORD

Tabatière

Snuff-box.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

That's all folks!

Meaning: The catchphrase on the banner shown at the end of Looney Tunes cartoons.

Origin: The phrase was first used at the end of a 1930 Warner Bros. Looney Tunes cartoon and was spoken by the character Bosko. This appears to have been a development of the earlier line 'So long, folks!' , which had been used in 1929 Bosko cartoon. There's a similar phrase with a different meaning: Take a swing = take a chance. The Looney Tunes lines may have been influenced by a British cartoon from 1926 in the Jerry The Troublesome Tyke series. This ended with 'And That's All!'. Many other characters have uttered the line since, in both the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies series. Notable amongst these was Porky Pig. His stuttered 'Th-th-th-that's all folks!' is the best remembered version of the line. The voice behind many of these characters, including Porky Pig, was Mel Blanc - probably the best-known voice actor and the person who virtually invented that medium. His grave marker includes what has become one of the best-known of all epitaphs - 'That's All Folks'.

QUOTE BOX

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. — **Dr. Seuss**

RIDDLE THIS

What has an eye but cannot see?

Answer :A needle.

SUDOKU

2	1				8			3
	9		7				4	
7					6			
			8	1	5			
	4						5	
			9	4	2			
			1					2
	7				4		6	
1			6				3	8

Answer to previous puzzle

1	8	6	2	5	4	9	7	3
4	9	3	7	1	8	5	6	2
2	5	7	6	3	9	4	1	8
8	3	4	5	6	1	2	9	7
9	6	5	8	2	7	3	4	1
7	2	1	4	9	3	6	8	5
3	1	8	9	4	2	7	5	6
5	4	2	1	7	6	8	3	9
6	7	9	3	8	5	1	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

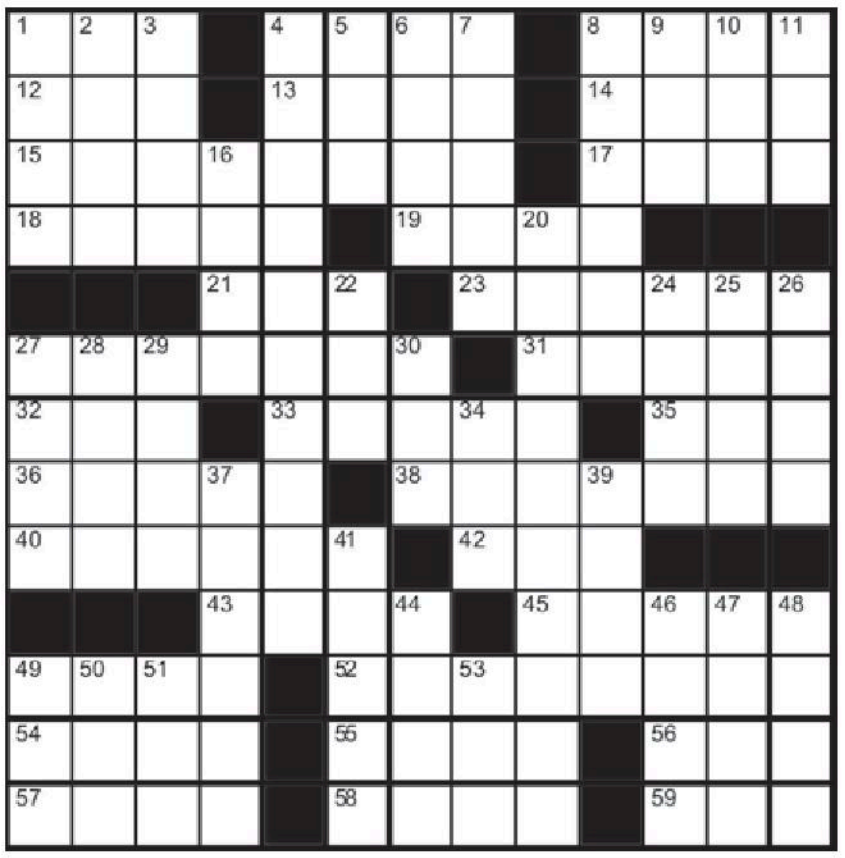
1 Arab sleeveless garment
4 From which flowers grow
8 You wear it on your foot
12 Rumanian coin
13 A wild animal's den
14 Effect a cure
15 Marsupial from down under
17 Writing fluids
18 Room in roof
19 Accepted standard
21 Howard Hughes studio
23 Thawed or liquefied
27 Famous French artist
31 Steel wire rope
32 Get rid of
33 Godfather author ___ Puzo
35 Jack of ___ trades : and master of none?
36 Florida resort
38 Inimical, unfavourable
40 Assigns or distributes
42 Comparative ending?
43 Cut with an axe
45 Perch
49 Fill a suitcase
52 Flour container
54 Malarial fever
55 Third "K" in the notorious group "K.K.K."?
56 Greek letter
57 "Retired" in short ?
58 Rat on
59 First number

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	O	R	D		A	B	E	T		N	T	H
A	G	U	E		T	A	P	E		O	H	O
T	E	N	D	E	R	H	E	A	R	T	E	D
H	E	T	U	P		T	E	S	S			
			C	I	A			E	V	I	C	T
	O	U	T	C	R	O	P		P	L	O	T
A	N	S		S	C	R	U	B		I	N	S
S	T	E	P		A	B	R	A	D	E	S	
B	O	S	U	N			I	L	E			
			S	O	T	S		S	L	A	N	G
A	U	T	H	O	R	I	S	A	T	I	O	N
A	N	D		K	I	T	S		A	N	N	A
L	I	P		S	M	E	E		S	T	E	W

DOWN

1 Playback singer Yagnik
2 Thrash or flog
3 Kinswoman
4 He forges objects of iron
5 Former Mideast org.
6 King of Beasts
7 Cleaning instrument
8 Capital of Himachal Pradesh
9 Female bird
10 Sturdy tree
11 Electronic Library Sys.
16 Ex-India President
20 Recouping
22 Order of St. Augustine
24 Ski lift (1-3)
25 Building wings
26 Editor's excision
27 Papa's wife?
28 Stem angle
29 Greenish-blue duck
30 Age or epoch
34 Indian Dyestuff Inds.
37 Ridiculed
39 Greek god of love
41 Footwear
44 Indian language of yore
46 Palindromic boy
47 Actor Connery
48 Loyal, dependable?
49 ___ avion : by airmail, but in Latin?
50 Grow old
51 Sever or curtail
53 A Bobbsey twin



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IKO GILFXI DUFHHCSE. CL WFV EF OF OUI DOFXI UVSEXW,

WFV KXI NCQINW OF TKQI VSSIPIDDKXW HVXPUKDID

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I never lie because I don't fear anyone. You only lie when you're afraid.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha			
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Thambi	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Hero	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ruler	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 10.50 am, 4.20 pm
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-1) 1.15 pm
Dabangg -3 (H)	(S-1) 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 9.55 am; (S-4) 4.05 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-2) 10.15 am, 6.50 pm
	(S-4) 1 pm
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha (K)	
	(S-2) 1.30 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2) 4.00 pm
Driving Licence (Ma)	(S-2) 10 pm
Ruler (Te)	(S-3) 1.00 pm
Hero (Ta)	(S-3) 4.00 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-3) 7.05 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	(S-3) 10 pm
Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (E-3D)	(S-4) 10.15 am, 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm

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Dabangg - 3 (H)	(S-1) 12.25 pm
	(S-2) 9 am, 3 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-3) 3.55 pm
Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (E-3D)	(S-1) 4 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4) 9.20 am
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 9.45 am, 7 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3) 9.45 am
	(S-4) 3.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarvajanikarige...	(S-2) 12.20 pm
... Suvarnavakaasha (K)	(S-3) 7.15 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-3) 12.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	(S-3) 9.50 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-4) 6.50 pm
Ruler (Te)	(S-4) 12.15 pm

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Dabangg 3 (H)	8.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.30, 10 pm
Dabangg 3 (K)	12.35 pm
Odeya (K)	9.05 am, 3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Mardaani 2 (H)	9.40 am
Jumanji: The Next Level (E)	9.50 am, 7.10 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	12.00 pm
Thambi (Ta)	12.05 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	12.25 pm
Ruler (Te)	3.15 pm
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (E)	4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	6.25 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	6.35 pm
Driving Licence (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 21)

Human Wings Foundation: Christmas Carnival, cake exhibition with various cookies and donuts and Christmas-based delicacies, St. Philomena's Church, **up to 8 pm.**

Royale Concorde International School, Mysuru: Samskriti Sambhrama - Annual Day celebrations, KSOU Convocation Hall, Hunsur Road, **up to 8 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti: 59th Annual Puja celebrations, Palakkombu Procession from Sri Ramalingeshwara Temple, Vidyaranyapuram, **3.30 pm;** Devotional songs by Kumar Gangothri and party (Mysuru), Sri Ayyappaswamy Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm;** Palakkombu Nrutyam, **7 pm;** Thirivuzhichil, **8 pm;** Ayyappan Pattu and Prasada Viniyoga, **9 pm;** Vettum Thadavum, **9.30 pm to 10 pm;** Palkindi Procession, Konda and Mangalam, Sri Ayyappaswamy Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **12 midnight.**

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM): Book release — Dr. Suchethana Swaroopa's two Kannada and two English translation works — by senior journalist and Gandhian Rajmohan Gandhi, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Prof. C. Naganna speaks about the book, KIKS Director Prof. Neelagiri M. Talawar chief guest, retd English Professors Dr. N.S. Raghavan and Dr. P.P. Giridhar will be present, B.M. Sri auditorium, Manasagangothri, **3.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Sita Rama Lakshmana Hanumanta Utsava led by 'Dolu Dore' Vid. V. Nataraj and Bharat Band, **4 pm;** Dasavani by Mythri Madwaraj and Sumanth Vasisht and troupe, Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Maharshi Institutions: 'Maharshi Manthana - Anekateyalli Ekathe,' Annual Day celebrations, Dance-Drama 'Badukalu Bidi,' Maharshi School premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **4 pm.**

Dayananda Arya Vidya Public School: *Shishirotsava,* 17th Annual Day celebrations, MLA S.A. Ramdas chief guest, Zilla Panchayat CEO K. Jyothi guest of honour, felicitation to Divyadeepa Charitable Trust Director Anantha Kumar, NIE auditorium, **4.30 pm.**

Nrityalaya Trust - An Academy of Performing Arts: 'Nalavattara Nalivu - Nitya Nartana Parva,' Cultural event marking 40th anniversary, 'Layalahari' - special instrumental music (Directed by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy), **4.30 pm;** Stage Programme, Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa and Srihari Dwarakanath of GSS Yogic Research Foundation chief guests, felicitation to Guru Bhanumati (Dance), Mandya Ramesh (Theatre) and Dr. Jyothi Shankar (Gamaka), **5.30 pm;** 'Karnataka Nartana Sampradaya Parva' by Nrityalaya troupe, Jaganmohan Palace, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru: 67th College Day celebrations, Bar Association of India Vice-President and senior advocate of Supreme Court and High Court of Karnataka S.S. Naganand chief guest, Dexterity Global Founder and CEO Sharad Sagar guest of honour, Vidyashala premises, **5 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharata Vana Parva' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendracharya, Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar: Annual Day celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath presides, ADC B.R. Poornima chief guest, former Chief Manager of SBM and Skill Development Trainer K.P. Pradyumna delivers valedictory address, Nirmaan Promoters Proprietor K.R. Nagendra guest of honour, School premises, **5.15 pm.**

RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru:

Talk on 'Healthy living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Mysuru, **4.30 pm;** Grand Karnatak Vocal Concert by **Vid. Vivek Moozhikulam,** accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin, Vid. Nikshith Puttur on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, #434, 'Melody,' A & B Block, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust:

Padmacharana Birth Centenary Celebrations, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha: Vocal music concert by **Vid. R. Raghu** on krutis of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, accompanied by Vid. Arjun Kumar on violin, Vid. Kumara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Shamith on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi:

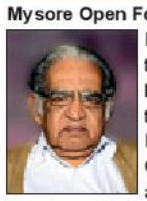
'Sthree Thala Tharang' - Ghata recital by **Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal,** accompanied by Vidu. Sowmya Ramachandran on violin, Vidu. Vani Manjunath on flute, Vidu. Lakshmi Pillai on mridanga and Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi M. Krishna on morching, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

DRAMAS

Paraspara Art Foundation, Mysuru: Staging of play 'The Paying Guest,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Dhwaninada Theatres, Rangasamudra, Tumakuru district: Staging of play 'Door Number Yentu' (Written by Kavya Kadame Nagarakatte; Music and Direction: R.C. Dhananjaya), Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

Mysore Open Forum: Talk on 'Universal



Basic Income - Answer to Poverty?' by **Prof. V.K. Nataraj,** former Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Rangaratnakara, Bengaluru: Book release and professional theatre songs rendition programme, Mysore University's Prasaranga Director Prof. M.G. Manjunath releases the book 'Swaraprastarada Rangageethegalu' edited by Dr. Sindhuvalli Anantamurthy, senior journalist Echanur Kumar and organiser Vijaya Sindhuvalli chief guests, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, felicitation to Rajyotsava awardee Dr. H.K. Ramanath, Kalasuruchi - Suruchi Rangamane, Chithrabanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

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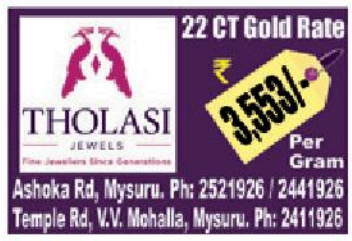

English Play 'Stage Chemistry'

Mysuru, Dec.21- The English Play, '*Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage,*' will be staged on Dec.23 in connection with the 10th INSPIRE Internship Camp at JNNCE, Shivamogga, sponsored by DST, for the 241st time and on Dec.28 before the Distance Education Students of MA in English of Kerala University, Trivandrum, for the 242nd time.

In the Play produced by Children's Literary Club, Dr. R. Purnima, Director of the Club, will be performing one-woman show for the 204th and 205th time.

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